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AGAINST THE JINGOES

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Mexico and Youngstown

By J. L. ENGBAHL.

IF THE American people intend going crazy over the killing of Americans in Mexico, let them lose their insanity by thinking for a moment of the slaughter of workers in the United States; at Youngstown, Ohio, for instance.

The jingo press is howling for intervention in Mexico, for vengeance, for blood. The plutocrats are urging that Mexico be swept by a conquering army as far as the Panama Canal. To them intervention means conquest and annexation. They hide their ambitious schemes no longer.

NOT ONE blood-lusting, jingo, capitalist sheet, not one in all the land, has dared that an army be sent down thru the Mahoning Valley, of Ohio, to avenge the death of the steel workers shot down by the hired murderers of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company. They shriek for protection for Americans in Mexico while no voice is raised in behalf of the men and women slaughtered right in our midst.

The American mine operators had been warned by the United States government to keep out of Mexico. They must have known that their lives were in peril when they entered the state of Chihuahua where the last remnant of Villa's army is struggling against complete elimination. These mine owners and mine operators, employees of Potter Palmer, the Chicago millionaire, risked death and met death, while their employer basked in the silver sunshine of Florida's balmy winter. They were the willing instruments of a profit-hungry capitalist. What is there in this to rouse a nation of one hundred million souls to the cry for blood?

HOW DIFFERENT do we find the story of Youngstown, Ohio. Bravny men from all the countries of Europe have been lured to the steel mills of the Mahoning Valley. "Two men for every job," is the slogan of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, copied from the labor crushing program of the all-dominating steel trust. Fearing the man who stood ready to grab his job, the man on the job toiled 12 hours a day, with a 24 hour shift once every two weeks. The wages were not enough to meet the grocery bill, the rent bill, the doctor bill, the bare necessities of life. So he rebelled. Thousands of men on the job revolted.

It may not be as heroic, in the eyes of the capitalist press, for workers to rise in rebellion against the capitalist system, in the hope of winning better conditions for themselves and their children; no, in the eyes of the pet organs of the plutocracy, this is not as heroic as robbing the Mexican people of their natural resources for the profit of Potter Palmer, the Standard Oil company, the Pearson Oil Syndicate, William Randolph Hearst, Harrison Grey Otis, or the International Harvester company.

When men die in the process of robbing the Mexican people, the jingo press bawls mightily for intervention. It is demanding blood and conquest. But when workers are martyred in the cause of humanity at Youngstown, Ohio, the capitalist sheets with the grossest of libel charges them with being drunkards, arsonists and looters.

THE UNITED STATES army is called upon to avenge the death of the servants of the plutocracy in Mexico. The state militia of Ohio was sent to the Mahoning Valley to strangle the hopes of the steel workers for a better day. What better proof of the fact that this is a profit ruled land.

There is less need now for intervention in Mexico than there has been at any time during the five years of internal war suffered by our agonizing neighbor. There is greater need now than at any time since the

throughout civilization will be long delayed by reason of America's shameful stand.

Because there is obviously no danger of an invasion of America by any foe for many years to come, the present war having exhausted the military powers of the world, we in the United States can well afford to wait and see what the end of the great world war brings. We can very well, and with entire safety, say, "Let us leave the whole question of our military policy to be settled when the other great powers are settling theirs, after the war."

Increased military and naval expenditures today spells the ruin of the hopes of democracy, not only here, but throughout the civilized world.

The Pitiable President.

By LINCOLN PHIFER.

Give us a government of the people, Mr. Wilson, not of the plutocrats.

Give us a government by the people. Let us vote on the preparedness and the death of the traitors who agitate for war.

Give us a government for the people. Let us retain the full value of what we produce. Then we will really have a country.

Provide justice for the workers in the courts. Never in all our history have they had it. Give the capitalists justice. Imprison and hang them for crime, just as you would the toiler.

Let the people have control of their own money. Take that control from the regional banks which are owned by the class that exploits the people.

Make it so the American worker will own his own job and his own home. Down with the causes that are turning us to tenants and hirelings and tramps.

Take from the exploiting class the power of employment, and restore it to the whole people, thru turning manufacture and transportation into their hands.

Instead of organizing a private army, to be paid for and owned by the capitalists, who give their "hands" time for drilling on full pay, let all the people buy and keep arms, as contemplated in the constitution.

You claim to be a democrat, Mr. Wilson. Prove you are one by submitting to a popular vote a new constitution which shall take from congress the power to declare war and from the president the power to veto law.

Prove you are a democrat, Mr. Wilson, by calling for a new constitution in which the senate and "representative" government are set aside for democratic administration of affairs, with power of the people to recall all officials that do not please them.

Create real patriotism by giving the people a country that actually belongs to them. A nation that stands for the people will be supported by them. A nation that stands for capitalists against the workers deserves no support.

Make public defence certain by giving the people the working people's military and naval organization, but we find that we have nothing of the kind. Despite all our expenditure, we are "wholly unprepared" we are told.

In recent years we have been rapidly increasing our expenditures upon the army and navy. In 1897 we spent on the army and navy something like seventy-five millions of dollars. By 1914 we had raised that to the vast sum of three hundred and six million—an increase of 325 per cent. Yet we are told that we have not increased our expenditures nearly enough; that we have only just begun, in fact.

WE MUST, say our frenzied advocates of "preparedness," spend more than two hundred and sixty-five millions of dollars a year on the navy alone, and more rather than less than that on the army—a total of five hundred and thirty millions a year! And that is not the end, but only the beginning. Each year we must increase, God alone knows how many years or by how many millions a year!

Was ever a more senseless program submitted to any people under the sun?

For those who so passionately call for its adoption do not even pretend that our immense expenditures will insure peace.

They admit that Great Britain will probably build more ships than we shall build, and that Germany will probably see that her army is stronger than ours, and so on.

They admit, too, that an investment of many millions this year in guns of the newest and most approved type will be rendered comparatively valueless next year by the invention of new and superior guns, rendering the old obsolete.

I CONFESS to being one of those who believe that out of the great world-war democracy will emerge victor. I have every confidence that the close of the war will give the democracies of Europe a great opportunity which they will seize, that revolution will follow quickly upon the heels of the war.

If I am right, the reign of militarism may well be ended—unless the United States, newly embarked upon the militarist road, supports it and increases its span of life. If we go in for the extensive military and naval program which has been set before us, then disarmament in Europe and

DROP THAT CHIP, MR. WILSON.

WE WORKERS don't like the game you are playing, Mr. President, because we stand to lose however it may go.

If the masters choose to go to Europe, and the ship on which they embark is destroyed, let them die and be damned. They deserve their fate.

You have no right to pick a quarrel with Germany or Austria or England because these fools tempted fate. They were traitors to America to risk their lives at such a time.

It is the workers who must pay for the "preparedness" you hope to scare from the people because of such damnably vicious causes.

The master class will make money out of the war they are thus deliberately provoking, and will not do the fighting.

If you want "preparations" against such a war, force the brokers, the bankers, the war howlers, to fight the war they force us into. If they were killed it will be no loss to America. The wealth would all remain. The workers would remain to create more wealth. We might get along better without these provokers of loot and murder than we have ever done with them.

So dump that chip from your shoulder, Mr. Wilson. You are making a fool of yourself.

London Exposes Big Grab of Plute Interests in Congress

WASHINGTON.—Showing up the administration's water-power leasing bill as a reactionary measure, designed to give away for half a century the millions of horsepower now belonging to the people, Representative Meyer London in a speech on the floor of the House of Representatives denounced the scheme as "deliberately criminal." The Socialist's attack on the much-touted "progressive" and "conservation" measure woke up old party members to the fact that London represents a new viewpoint in the responsibility of Congress in protecting the nation's resources.

London had set up half the previous night studying the carefully drawn phrases of the bill, in order to be prepared to expose its hypocrisies, and so informed the House.

Exposes Big System.

He pointed directly to the so-called recapture clause, under which, if fortunate, the government might get back at the end of fifty years the water powers it now plans to give away under lease to electric power corporations.

"This is not a recapture clause," he said. "It is a fool-capture clause. Fools will be captured by it."

"What you are trying to do now is, instead of preserving the natural resources of the country for the people, you make things worse. Fifty years is more than a generation. A generation is the average life of all the persons in a community, or one-third of a century. It is not enough that you do mischief to last a life time, that you burden, with the result of your unwise action, the present generation, but you want to impose burdens upon those who will come after us."

Congress says 'we must provide generous action in order to get private capital to make investments.'

Nation's Resources Neglected.

"Why not get the inexhaustible capital of the United States of America? You speak glibly about expending billions of dollars for munitions, but you cannot get your minds to work out some method of utilizing the resources of the United States for the people."

"The committee speaks of criminal negligence committed in the past in overlooking the wonderful resources of the United States—and permitting them to be appropriated by private capital. You substitute deliberate criminality by permitting leases for fifty years. And if you gentlemen do permit leases for fifty years, why not provide that a commission have the right to regulate the hours of labor, wages and other conditions of labor and demand that conditions of employment shall not be inferior to standards demanded by organized labor?"

"Why do you always forget these little things—the demands of labor? You speak of the consumer. What about the workers who know the work people? Why do you disregard them in your scheme for regeneration of society?"

"You are not doing the right thing in adopting this bill. When the Republicans and Democrats agree it is a safe thing to vote for a bill, it is time to look out. (Laughter.) I want to call you names. First of all, it is a bad thing to do. I wish to be an agreeable fellow. I can say lots of things about the Republicans in the abstract and the Democrats in collocation. History will take care of that and will call you all kinds of names. All I wish to say is that you are making a very serious blunder."

"The future historian will say that by enacting this bill you tried to fool the people, to deceive them, and to make them believe that you were earnestly making an attempt to conserve and preserve the natural resources of the country while in reality you were enabling private interests to obtain fifty year leases in order to continue the exploitation of the resources of this nation."

"I object to this bill because it is an unfair bill. It is an improper bill. It is not one to promote the interests of the people. It is destructive of their rights."

WAR ON GAG RULE.

WASHINGTON.—Socialist Representative Meyer London is to have a part in the fight which will soon break on the floor of the House to compel the reactionary "organization" of that body to surrender control of legislation to the majority of the membership.

The arbitrary power once wielded by Speaker Joe Cannon and now held by the Rules Committee, of which Representative Henry of Texas is chairman, is sufficient to prevent the consideration by the House of any

Another Love Feast.

By JOSEPH E. COHEN.

LIFE IS not without its vaudeville features, even in war time. If one cannot think of what is going on abroad and discover any promise of good cheer, at least one can be amused by the latest antics of the bull moose.

The national committee of the Progressive party has been in session. Their transactions were brief and to the point. They were of one mind and remained a unit throughout. They came at a time when matters of the gravest concern should have agitated them, and they went away entirely untouched by what might have stirred them to the depths.

CONVENING at a time when their attitude toward the European crisis should have occupied their most serious attention, they maintained that silence which is so eloquent of their utter incompetence. Founded upon a supposed adherence to the principles of social justice, they had not a word to say by way of comfort to the millions who have been looking in vain for some measure of economic relief from the Democratic party.

In short, they met only to put a price tag upon their sale to the Republican party.

The national convention of the Progressive party will be held jointly with that of the Republican party. There will be a very patriotic conference between the two factions, in which the merits of each will be carefully considered. And the honorable gentlemen who will thus debate the claims of the two factions may be depended upon to settle those claims upon the only honorable basis they know—barter and sale.

FOR THIS is a commercial age and the Republican and Progressive parties are the parties of the commercial classes.

In fact, the sole business of these honorable gentlemen may consist of ratifying a tentative plan of agreement, the articles of which were drawn up either by corporation counsel or corporation chiefs. How much of this was done at the banquet recently given by the head of the steel trust to certain politicians remains to be seen. Colonel Roosevelt who was very much in evidence at this banquet was strangely absent at the meeting of the national committee of the Progressive party.

Nor should anyone accept, but as a vaudeville number, the performance of this committee or the more ludicrous offering of the coming convention of that party of which the national committee meeting was a fair forecast. Their many "brave words" and plausible will not conceal their unconditional surrender to the party out of whose loins they sprang.

Moreover, it is entirely gratifying to have the Progressives and Republicans get together. It would be still more engaging if the Democratic party could, whether by Hearst or another, be made to see the wisdom of going up the tariff hill, side by side with the grand old party of the tariff. Why should not the two animals, so typical of the two parties, be willing to pull together in the service of their beloved country?

IN SHORT, why not go the Progressive route, overture one better by amalgamating the Democratic, Republican and Progressive parties?

For it remains to be seen if, because the leaders are willing, the rank and file of the Progressive party are going to tramp back into the Republican fold. The cry of preparedness may do it. "Any port in a storm," the old saying has it. But what if the port turns out to be the thick of the storm?

The breakup of the Progressive party does not mean the end of attempts on the part of the capitalist class to divert the rising discontent of the American people. It does mean that the workers who know the game is played out. They do not pay for an unprofitable tune. But they are by no means ready to have the issue drawn between the Socialist party and one other. They are not asking for a straightforward fight. Quite the contrary.

There must be a lull, after the disgust felt by the rank and file of the Progressive party toward their leaders, which is at the bottom of the transfer to the Republican party. Then a new tack will be tried, probably the advancement of some "progressive" Republican who has a chance to win and put "progressive" policies into effect.

THE NATIONAL committee of the Progressive party seems to have been very careful to refrain from setting forth their principles. The American voter has a short memory, but the time between now and June may be even shorter, so that the leaders of the Progressive party might have been hard put to it to maintain that the Republican party has accepted their platform. It is a case where the less the Progressives say the better. So on with the lovefest of the Republican and Progressive parties! There are no friends like old friends! They can trust each other as implicitly as they always have, which is all or nothing as each one may decide for himself. The prodigal son has returned and the fattest calf will be served as the principal dish. Let the wine flow freely, for the overlords will foot the bill.

Another page turned in the political history of America. Can we not be charitable and say nothing lost if nothing gained? Possibly a little more ground cleared, and greater reason given to the Socialist party to strive on to further progress and full victory.

In the recent second trial of Gurley Flynn, the same policemen, in the same sing-song manner swore she made a speech similar to Quinlan's urging the strikers to get the scabs

D. Saragossi, an aggressive member of the Young People's Socialist League in Saloniki, has been sentenced to six months in prison for printing and distributing a peace pamphlet. The persecution of the young chap has aroused more bitter feeling.

"And we thank thee especially for the hope that thou has so blessed us because thou hast seen in our hearts the seed of better things—than we have done. Water, O Maker, of all, that seed of good in our nation, and make it grow unto peace and justice. Forgive us if we have rejoiced over profits from the agony of other people. Cleanse and consecrate to good in our hands the riches which flow to us from the blood of the nations. Keep us from a dead and people united in the cherishing of material ideals. Forgive the profanation by the many in calling thee the god of such battles as these. Accept our thanks, and keep us from giving thanks for that of which we should be ashamed. Amen."

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MAKE EVERY SOCIALIST VOTER AN AMERICAN SOCIALIST READER

THEY MAKE GOOD.

Socialists of Madison County, Ill., some time ago took under consideration the question of sending The American Socialist to all of the school teachers in their county. They are now making good on the plan.

Secretary E. H. Taylor has just sent in the names of 100 teachers and they go on our mailing list immediately, he says:

"We expect to duplicate the list in a very short time until we have all of the teachers on the list."

Madison County is one of the coal mining and steel manufacturing districts of Illinois. One of its chief cities, Granite City, was in the hands of the Socialists until the old parties united and defeated them. M. E. Kirkpatrick was the Socialist mayor. The comrades are not discouraged, however, and the indications are that they will not only soon recapture the city but win the county as well.

We take off our hat to the comrades of Madison County, Ill., and expect to hear soon that Socialist organizations in this and other states have decided to follow their example.

Here's another small gain to report this week. The "Ons" again bested the "offs" to the tune of 116, bringing the total circulation up to 41,496.

ROLL OF HONOR

Comrade J. C. Quinn, Basalt, Idaho, comes in with a club of 4.

It's a long way to Fairbanks, Alaska, but Comrade N. R. King, the local secretary, covers the distance with a list of five subs.

Comrade J. L. Stark, state secretary of Kentucky, sends in a list of seven. "Kentucky for Socialism" is the slogan of the comrades in the blue grass state.

Comrade Hans F. Hansen, of California, renews his own sub for one year and sends in a list of three other subs.

Comrade E. W. Harris sends in a club of four from Wellington, Colo.

An order for 25 sub cards comes from Otto Vierling, state secretary for Missouri.

Comrade Ida Crouch-Hazlett, who is now touring Florida, sends in an order for 25 sub cards from Arcadia, Fla., where she organized a Socialist local.

Comrade Clarence H. Garrett, corresponding secretary at Roseville, Ohio, sends in a list of eight subs.

"Will try for another list in the near future," writes Comrade J. C. McKinnon, Franklin, Mich., as he sends in a club of four.

We received a welcome list of nine interesting looking subs from Comrade B. M. Mulcahy, Rapid City, So. Dakota.

"It is a dandy and I cannot get along without it," writes A. C. Norcross, of Liberty, Wash., as he renews his subscription to The American Socialist for one year.

We have just received a list of 14 subs from Syracuse, N. Y. At the top of the list is the name of a college professor.

Comrade G. C. Aschenbeck rushes in with a club of four from Aschenbeck, Texas.

Bennett Tours East.

H. Scott Bennett, of New Zealand and Australia, is touring the East under the auspices of the National Office. He is a remarkable speaker, with unusual oratorical ability.

It is seldom we have the opportunity to hear a speaker from New Zealand, supposed to be the country of near-socialism. Hear Bennett tell the story.

For terms and dates write to: Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

Fred Warren Writes:

I HAVE just finished reading Phifer's "Coming Kingdom." This book was printed five years ago by my associate, and I feel like offering him an apology for not having read it before. In the light of what is now happening throughout the world, this book is little short of a prophecy—a forecast of what has happened from the time it was printed to the present. Whether what Phifer says is yet to happen, I do not know. I would just as soon say that his forecast is for the future, but the record is clear up to this time, and if he could, five years ago, accurately predict the course of political and industrial events, I guess he is entitled to a pretty careful reading by the Socialists now. Any way, take my word for it, you will not regret the investment in the book, and its careful reading may give you a new viewpoint and bring hope and cheer to your heart. At best the outlook is gloomy—but here is a book that points out the good that is to come from the present chaos. You may not agree with Phifer, just as I did not agree with him five years ago, but the logic of events is forcing many of us to change our views as to how the next great change will be made.—FRED W. WARREN, Girard, Kans.

The Coming Kingdom is a 300 page book, in 19 "books" and 90 chapters. The original price was \$1. It will be sent prepaid for half price, fifty cents, if ordered thru the NATIONAL OFFICE, SOCIALIST PARTY, 803 W. MADISON ST., CHICAGO, ILL.

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BRAIN TROUBLE; HENRY DUBB WOULD FIND SAWDUST AS FILLING - - - By Ryan Walker

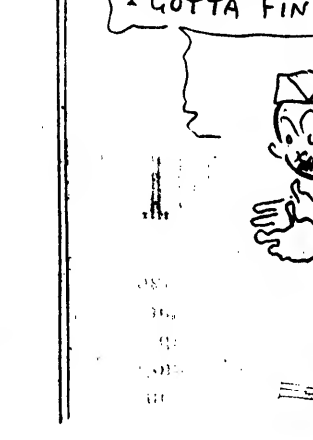
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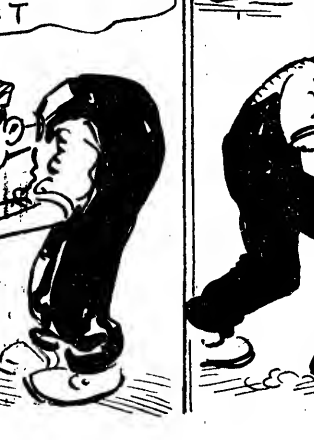
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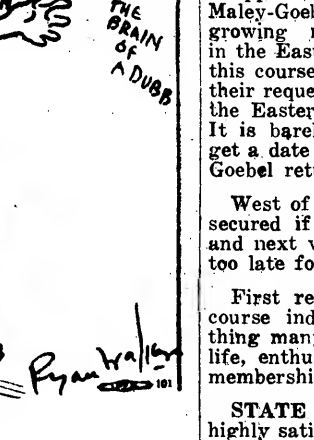
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THE BRAIN OF A DUBB



19 Murder Agencies Brought Bloodshed To Youngstown, O.

By CHESTER M. WRIGHT.

Editor, The New York Call.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.—"After 48 hours of constant and careful investigating I can say that organized labor has a clean bill of health in the East Youngstown riot, and not only that, but leaders of organized labor did everything they could to prevent trouble, tho the men were not their men and were not organized."

So said District Attorney A. M. Henderson, and, after quietly remarking to that effect, he fired a bomb—one that may be the first of a series to follow before the final chapter of this bloody business is written.

"President James A. Campbell, of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, will be summoned to go before the Grand Jury," he said. "Campbell will be ordered to bring with him all books and records showing what detective agencies have been hired by the company to send men here. The District Attorney wants to know how many gunmen the company brought, where it got them, and why it got them."

Revelations Are Expected.

Those are but two points in a story that reeks with the filth of the rottenest of rotten business, and which, if its veracity can be established in court and the country officials stick to the job, ought to make one of the most astounding in American financial and industrial history.

Bringing it all to a focus, General Organizer T. H. Flynn, of the American Federation of Labor, issued a lengthy statement. It has created a strong consternation in this city, Flynn said:

"I do not think there was any foreign influence involved. I think it was a financial scheme, rigged up as a last desperate resort to depress the value of the work's stock, so that interests that are trying to form a great half-billion dollar merger could get the control that they wanted. Strange enough, control of the tube work's stock is held by local men. They did not want to sell. They figured that stock worth \$300 to others was worth that to them, and they wanted to keep the control in Youngstown."

Rockefeller in the Deal.

"The proposed merger was to include Colorado Fuel and Iron, Cambria Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube and the Lackawanna Steel Co. Colorado fuel and iron means John D. Rockefeller and John D. Rockefeller's name brings up strangely familiar remembrances of Trinidad.

"Here is another nail that drives home the proof of devilishness: While East Youngstown was in flames some of the American Federation of Labor organizers, with some local business men, got automobiles and hurried to the scene. They found that the men who were firing the building with torches were not molested by the police, but where residents, excited by events, found saloons already broken into and went in after liquor, they were at once arrested.

"This seems to indicate that something was planned and that it was a part of the plan to burn a certain number of buildings. Of course, we do not know who is going to pay for the burning of these buildings, and we cannot absolutely prove at this time that men were paid to use the torches, but our men did see men setting fire to buildings and they were not molested by the police. These things are ugly facts.

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Victim of Riot Dies.

While the financial threads of the story are being brought together, the story of the riot itself is being told. The victim of the riot, a young man, died of a heart attack. He was Dan Montain, aged 37. He had been pierced just below the heart by a bullet.

Every evidence that I can find bears out the charge that this situation was brought about by an agency that was seeking to depress the market value of Youngstown Sheet and Tube stock in order to make successful a plan to bring about a half-billion-dollar steel merger, just as outlined by Organizer Flynn.

NOTE.—In this column there is traced, from week to week, the movement of a typical Young People's Socialist League. The successes and failures are mirrored here and the changes are that you will find some of your own here set forth. Each installment is practically complete in itself, but it is advisable to follow the story regularly.

"PREPAREDNESS."

That much maligned word became the slogan of our Yipsels when the certainty of the convention became more and more apparent. But it did not mean guns and powder to them, it meant active preparation for a good time, and a busy time for the other Yipsels who were to be their guests during the convention. When they had started their first big affair there had been a tendency to ignore little details until the last minute. All this was over now, the lesson once learned.

Every detail was carefully planned out in advance. And there were quite a number of details to take care of, too. The exterior arrangements were attended to by the State Secretary. In this position Jim had another chair, and the staff he was made of. In this, as in the "big affair," he was the heart and soul of the work, and here, too, the other Yipsels accepted his counsel without much question.

Each League was requested to elect one delegate at large and one for every 25 members in good standing. Several were anxious to attend the meeting but could not finance their delegates' trip. A plan was then devised by which the railroad fare was lumped and divided on the basis of good standing membership among the delegates. This proved highly satisfactory, and a number of Socialists and fraternal organizations responded liberally to a call for help. It was then reasonably certain that at least 10 leagues would take part in the first convention, and many more were expected.

FIRST, the state secretary pro-tem was designated chairman of the arrangements committee, and the balance of the committee was composed of the chairmen of the entertainment, housing, constitution and reception committees. Each of these had a number of assistants of his own choice, but only the chairman had a vote on the arrangements committee. This proved highly satisfactory, the work of the different committees was co-ordinated, each could take care of its own details in its own way, and yet the whole matter was constantly under the supervision of the whole body. Practically every member of the league was attached in some way to one or the other of the committees and in this way the enthusiasm of the big arrangements ran thru the whole membership.

The visiting delegates were to be quartered with the various members. At first there seemed to be some danger of not enough quarters, then there was that of too many being offered and some hard feelings, yet the chairman (or rather "girl") was a tactful little somebody, and these details were settled by personal inspection and explanations. Two weeks before the date of the meet, the names of the delegates were in the

PERMANENT HUNGER.

Vorwaerts, the Berlin Socialist organ, sums up the net result of the war to the ordinary German housewife in a comparison of monthly prices of the total amounts to be paid for the unavoidable necessities of food for a family of four persons. In July, 1914, this was reckoned as a minimum of 25 marks and 12 pfennigs, or about \$6.25 a week. This minimum has been advanced in succeeding months as follows:

1914. Marks. 1915. Marks.
August 26.44 January 29.65
September 26.74 February 31.49
October 27.06 March 32.30
November 27.86 April 34.91
December 28.74 May 36.49
June 37.36

The advance for July, August and September is not given, but Vorwaerts makes the following statement: "In October, after the scandalous price movements of the last three months, these outlays would be surely 50 marks."

But the increase in price is not the only thing to be feared. There is another and perhaps greater evil—the lessening of quality. Vorwaerts states this as follows:

"Meat less and poor; breadstuffs, including cheese, not to be enjoyed about half the normal quantity of butter and eggs used; vegetables of the poorest sort in use; sugar much reduced; cocoa, tea and marmalade have disappeared from the table, even fresh fruit, so necessary for the nourishment of children, potatoes and bread have become the principal nourishment. The result is general undernourishment. . . . This means not only bad nourishment, but hunger, permanent hunger!"

We are not surprised to learn that the government has again suspended the publication of the Vorwaerts.—THE OUTLOOK.

Klara Zetkin's release from custody, on bail, has called forth a great number of expressions of sympathy and appreciation in Germany and other lands. She has mentioned the fact in Die Gleichheit, adding that she heartily thanks the comrades. . . . The rest of her message has been censored.

Latest reports received in San Francisco by sympathizers with the Chinese revolutionists say that the disaffection has spread to the sixth State, and that in several battles fought Yuan Shai Kai's troops have been defeated and many have deserted to the revolutionists. The Chinese in America, excepting a few connected with the government, are all for the revolution. While American and European capitalists loaned the usurper Shai Kai \$125,000,000 with which to establish himself as dictator, the Chinese in this country are chipping in their mite with the enthusiastic hope that they will be able to overthrow the great power of money that has been marshaled to destroy the liberties of their people, and the future seems favorable to the genuine patriots.

The cool-headed workers of South Africa are bemoaning their hard luck in the recent election for members of the National Parliament, when they expected to seat about 20 members of the Labor party and won in but four districts, the same number they had before. The agitation for and against the war split the Labor party wide open, and it is significant to note that the leaders of both factions were among those defeated when the votes were counted. A number of prominent members deserted outright, accepted nominations on old-party tickets and were also defeated. It is probable that a reorganization of the party and harmonizing of the factions will take place after the war.

Daniel W. Hoan, Socialist city attorney of Milwaukee, has been nominated for mayor for the spring municipal campaign. Leo Krzycki is the nominee for controller with Charles B. Whitnall as the candidate for treasurer. Emil Seidel, Winfield R. Gaylord, Frederick Brockhausen and William Coleman are candidates for aldermen-at-large. There are Socialist candidates in all the wards. In speaking of the nominations The Milwaukee Leader declares "With Hoan in the office of mayor—with a Socialist administration in control of the municipal government—Milwaukee will be first among American cities in using the powers of municipal government for the public good."

Helen Keller, the deaf and blind girl Socialist, spoke to a crowd that packed Carnegie Hall, New York City, on the subject of "preparedness." Miss Keller flayed the yellow press of New York, saying that the editors are serving the Big Business crowd in trying to plunge this country into war in order to satiate their craving for profit. She declared that the workers have no interest in war and should refuse to sacrifice themselves, but expressed the fear that they will be misled just as they have been in former times on the theory that they are fighting for "their country" owned by landlords and other capitalists.

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A new league has been formed at Kenosha, Wis., with 14 charter members. Welcome to the newcomers.

"MY TIP" (The New Era) is the name of the first Scandinavian Y. P. S. L. formed in this country to affiliate with the national Y. P. S. L. So far as is known, it is the only one of its kind in the country. Foreign speaking young Socialist organizations of all kinds should affiliate with the National Movement.

Even though we may pride ourselves on the amount of publicity received by the Y. P. S. L. in recent months, there are quite a large number of young people who have never heard of us. A young comrade suddenly saw a great light, he thought we ought to make an effort to reach the young to socialism. So he wrote to the only paper he read, and they advised him to take up the question with this department. He called at the office and unfolded a plan for organizing the boys and girls between the ages of fifteen and twenty, making provision for social and educational pursuits, etc. When he was shown the Y. P. S. L. of organization, leaflets, etc., he was very agreeably surprised. It was just what he had needed. And then in Chicago's impossible, but it goes to show that we have a great field before us, it has hardly been touched. We must organize, educate, and advertise. A Y. P. S. L. paper will be a big help.

Reading (Pa.) Y. P. S. L. is still having splendid success with its Moving Picture Lectures. In a debate with the Boy Scouts, the Y. P. S. L. beat the supporters of militarism to a frazzle.

The New York and New Jersey Yipsels have combined forces and have been granted the use of a column in the New York Sunday Call. The column is conducted by our N. J. State Organizer, Milton D. Newman. One of the first notices to be published was to the effect that the services of their efficient State Treasurer "Miss A. W. R." would soon be lost to the N. J. Federation and transferred to other fields. They evidently anticipate the visit of the National Secretary to his old home town.

The proposal of the first Y. P. S. L. National Lecture tour is arousing wide-spread interest. The mere announcement brought several inquiries for details, these have been answered by the circular sent to all leagues capable of holding one meeting, and the number of this time to include any leagues west of the Mississippi in the tour. The number of dates will be limited, as they have not seven Sundays in every week, leagues are requested to send in their contracts promptly. Many leagues find Sunday a poor time for meetings. The lecture will be "The Fighting Chance," and will be of great interest to only to all Socialists, young and old, but to the great non-socialist mass as well. Terms are only six dollars and entertainment, this price including fifty show cards, five hundred throwaway cards, as well as all write-ups and instructions needed to make the meeting a success.

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Going, Going, Gone!

Opportunities for securing the Malay-Goebel lecture course are growing more rare. Many a lunch in the East have applied for dates of this course but were disappointed, as their requests came in at a time when the Eastern route was all made out. It is barely possible that they may get a date when Comrades Malay and Goebel return east next summer.

West of Chicago dates can still be secured if applications come in this and next week. After that it will be too late for the middle west states.

First reports coming in on this course indicate that it is the very thing many a local needs to put new life, enthusiasm and energy into the membership.

STATE LINE, IND., reports a highly satisfactory meeting with Comrade Emil Seidel as speaker. It was an all around success as to attendance attention given the speaker and as to number of new party members secured, writes Comrade A. N. Lakin who has taken on both lecture courses single handed.

ELWOOD, IND., reports a very successful meeting with Comrade Adolph Germer who spoke to an audience of over 600. Comrade Henry C. Becker writes, "We are sure of large crowds for the Malay-Goebel course."